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Italy's Day.

Three years ago to-day Italy entered the war. America is joining her in the observance of the day, sympathizing with her in the suffering she has endured, congratulating her upon the bravery she has shown and encouraging her in her valiant resistance.

Italy's position at the outbreak of hostilities was different from that of any other nation of Europe. She was a member of the Triple Alliance, held to its terms less through a national willingness than through threats of Germanic predatoriness. She was dimmed the memory of Mr. Hughes's urged to join with the two Kaisers in performance as counsel for the Armquest of Europe. When she refused Legislature in the insurance investi-Teuton diplomatists with offers of al- has never been surpassed, if ever avenge their own wrongs, but to bring | sonal equipment. liberty to the people of their race under Hapsburg rule and to restore them to the nation of which they werd by right an integral part.

man forces that relieved heavy pressure on other Allied fronts.

Italy was in a measure robbed of acts of individual heroism, by a pecu- Grecory's department. Harly infamous German propaganda

gees in Southern Italy. There has always been a warm and the north that has not men from this present status. country, and the rosters of many American regiments contain the names of men whose ancestors were Italians. WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS. who knew so well both his own native

not love Italy and was not proud to share Italy's citizenship in this ideal republic that united all children of

to be celebrated with American en- and ammunition they didn't own and thusiasm for a comradeship in a war for right and civilization.

Work or Fight! abolition of idleness. Among men be-

But General Chowden is in a posttion to permit no fooling with his been done in guns and cartridges that | Uruguayan Republic were mistrented | You lie and look at it all day and glimpse The conscription law has never existed. been in force a year. It has the

life is like.

We observe that the latest rulings by General Crowner have caused con- them. One man had been introduced ball players and the owners of clubs, house somewhere in Jersey where one They fear their calling and business case of riffes was opened for his benemay be ruined. They will find that fit. He counted five rifics in it, but tunes with astonishing equanimity. 199,900 cases. The billion cartridges With a few notable exceptions, pro- seem never to have been put on exfessional baseball has made a mighty hibition even by sample. poor impression on Americans since Uncle Sam went to war, and the cartridges for them were supposed to smash-up of a few teams occasioned have been imported from Germany by the participation of their members and hidden away, either to arm inin the national defence would not vaders from abroad or insurrectionrend the heart of any spectator.

Hughes Has Taken the Case.

People in general are so well satis-non-construction) that they are not them and the owners. Such a story disposed to scrutinize too critically is incredible, yet it was believed by the manner of his choice. They know various more or less acute business him to be honest and fearless in his sharpshooters, some of whom had own processes and conclusions, and re- faith enough in the representations lentless in the pursuit and exposure made to them to put up real money of dishonesty or dereliction of others. for options on the arms. The incl-They are not giving undue weight to dental circumstance that, as was testhe circumstance that he was selected tifled on Wednesday, it would require for the task, not by Congress, but by a Mount Woolworth to store them the Administration responsible in a seems to have been grandly ignored. certain way for the delays and fall. The expert who revealed this fact ures and alleged scandals about which declared that there were fewer than Mr. Hughes has been commissioned 1,000 Mauser rifles in the United by President Wilson to find out the States. whole truth, with the aid of the ma- If there is any considerable store chinery of the Department of Justice of rifles or ammunition in the United and as special counsel for that de States of which the public authoripartment. They know he will not be ties to-day have no exact and specific influenced in the slightest degree by knowledge, we miss our guess. Lax the source of his appointment or be we have been in the past about many swerved a hair's breadth to the matters of military importance, but right or to the left from his straight under existing circumstances the Govcourse toward the ultimate facts of ernment would be far stupider than the case. This public confidence in we believe it to be if it overlooked the absolute integrity of his findings, the existence of 1,000,000 popular whatever they may be, is one of the much less 1,000,000 rifles. advantages of a reputation like that which he has earned.

Nor has anybody the least fear that the inquiry will not be pushed with consummate technical ability. A dozen years of elapsed time have not she was beset by the most skilful of gation. That memorable achievement

this particular instance, to stand last fall at registration. aside and await the results of a purely By her announcement at the begin- Executive inquiry into Executive busibound to take up arms in the cause of quick and accurate discernment dis from Governor down, to be chosen Germany and Austria she gave France covered the right man to investigate; force into the conflict. Since her par- nation would be sure to have conflictone Representatives will be electedprotect her own western frontier. She cise of speculation to wonder whether ance matter, if President Wilson had lings of their own parties. the fruits of her campaign against not anticipated such action on its Austria, a campaign marked by dis- part by inviting him to supplement not need to be reminded that her en-

What an unsurpassed machine that party with which she will affiliate tonimed at the destruction of the morale combination would have afforded for morrow. The act of enrolment, in the of Mr. Gallatin, who was no mean phiof the army and the nation. She getting at the whole truth concern- Republican party, for instance, is a has suffered severely in the loss of ing aeroplane deliquencies! Charles declaration of the voter's general symher thousands taken prisoners and Evans Hughes, with his splendid cat pathy with the principles of Republeft to die of disease and starvation pacity for the work, conducting the in Austrian prisons. Part of the rich inquiry under the auspices of Con- in a general way, the nominees of the northern plains are in possession of gress itself, with its unrestricted field Republican party for State or national ment of the war. her foe and the women and children of authority in investigations of the offices. Her reward for making this held in slavery or are homeless refu- sort and its practically unlimited pow- decision is the right to have a vote ers of enforcement and compulsion! In her party nominations; yet she is There are some things in Mr. not at all bound to act, at the genstrong friendship between the United Hughes's published letter of May 18 eral election, in any way other than States and Italy. To-day there is to Attorney-General Gazgory which conscience dictates. not an Italian regiment along the lead us to suppose that he may not Playe or in the mountain region of be unconscious of a difference in his lead pencil, Woman takes her place.

But whether as counsel of a legislative committee or as special counsel of the Department of Justice, Mr. Hughes will do his duty and do it fully and fearlessly. The country land and Italy, wrote a few days knows that such is the case, and that is why the country is satisfied to let him take care of the business.

The Great Rifle Mystery.

Ever since the Kaiser began his drive for world dominion a considerable number of American speculators Let to-day be Italy's day, a day have been trying to buy and sell rifles the father's eyes, but his sorrow, his never had seen. The Krags discarded by the United States Army were hawked about by optimistic souls who were told by a friend of a man who which now is America's and never So far as men of draft age are knew the cousin of the wife of a more simply commanded: Ti concerned. Provost Marshal-General letter carrier whose duties took him must be won! Crowden will be a more effective past the Army Building, just as if agent in forcing work or military Uncle SAM was going to let them go A Mission That Did Not Follow th service on loafers than all the State out of his possession. Arms conlaws that have been enacted for the tracted for by Mexicans, but not detween 18 and 21, and between 31 and that everybody forgot their original guay with regard to the relations ex-50, the State laws may have a bene-lownership. Transactions in which isting between them has thrown an ficial effect in some cases, though we actual rifles played a part have re-linteresting side light on the attitude

Recently 1,000,000 Mauser rifles and marine, who asserted his acts were manimous indersement of the public; 1,000,000,000 rounds of ammunition dictated by the fact that Germany It has been upheld in every detail by have been kicking around in specula- was at war with Uruguay. The the court of last resort. Consective quarters to an extent that en- South American Power promptly quently the Provost Marshal-General listed the attention of the State, and made inquiry of Germany as to it is the gate to give though, unlocked enters on no new and unexplored Deputy Attorney-General ALERED L. whether this naval officer correctly field when he revises his list and de BECKER has been forced reluctantly to reported the German understanding crees that all hands within his juris- the conclusion that, like the report of of the existing situation. fiction shall go to work at a trade MARK TWAIN's death, they have "been To this Germany made an evasiv approved as useful by the Govern- grossly exaggerated." He has had reply, which seems to have consisted When Douglas, Jack and Ferdinand go

learn from the inside what a soldier's cient to bear all these rifles, practically all of whom had heard about them, but none of whom had seen sternation among professional base at midnight's dark hour into a ware-This vast store of rifles and the

ists at home. With them there were alleged to be a considerable number Why the Country Is Glad That Mr. of field pieces, machine guns and the like; and all of this great armament was speaked into the country, accord-

An Exclusively Ladies' Day in New

Whatever the woman voter ma think of the complicated and unsatisfactory primary system of this State, it is her duty, if she wishes to have anything to say about the conduct of the primaries.

In order to have a vote at the primary of her chosen party, whether It Fishing Creek, bold Contentia most any prize in the possession of equalled, by anything in the same be Republican, Democratic, Socialist Swift the Central Powers or within the line of professional activity. Mr. or Prohibition, the woman voter of Little Pee Dee and Great Pee Dee. possibility of their attainment for her Hugnes brings to his present and this city must begin her citizen du- And neutrality. But there were bitter even more important task the mental ties to-morrow, some time between 8 years in the background of Italian and moral qualities conspicuous in o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock history, years of Austrian domination, his conduct of the insurance investi- at night. To-morrow is a day specruelty and aggression, that the gation, together with the broader ex- cially set aside for the enrolment of Italian people remembered, even if perience and prestige he has gained the newly enfranchised sex. The some of the Italian politicians pro- meanwhile as a jurist of the first woman who goes to the polling place fessed to forget. The people of Italy rank. The appointment is regarded of her district will, by affiliating with They sought not sione to as nearly ideal in the matter of per- one of the four parties, gain the important right to vote at the prima That is why the country is so well ries; a right of which the men voters pleased and the Senate so willing, in had opportunity to take advantage

The primaries, which will be held on Sentember 3, will be important this ning of the war that she was not ness. It is because the President's year. Not only is a full State ticket but this is a Congressional year. It an opportunity to throw her whole the man in whose conclusions the the city of New York alone twenty ticination she has forced Austria to dence. Indeed, it may be a proper exer- about 5 per cent, of the whole na tional House. While women who do carried the successes of her arms be the Senate might not have decided to not enroll to-morrow will lose nothing by Albert Gallatin. I think one can offered an amendment providing for yond the Isonzo and she was beaten engage Mr. Hughes to sustain to its of their privileges of voting-if they safely say that the weight of historical an appropriation for an additional dry own legislative inquiry the same rela- have registered-at the general elec- opinion dissents from Mr. Gallatin's dock at Portsmouth, where we have tion he bore a dozen years ago to the tion, their failure to enroll will de Armstrong committee in the insur- prive them of any hand in the work-

The intelligent woman voter tinguished military skill and many the resources of Attorney-General rolment does not bind her to support on election day the candidates of the licanism and her intent to support.

> To-morrow, with two strokes of for the first time, in the party politic

Duty!

On that day when in France so! diers were paying high military hon ors to the memory of a daring aviator, a brave comrade lost, here the father was saying good-bye to his

fourth son going over there. "But I am glad," the father of Major Laymeny said, "that I have sons to give. The war must be won!" pride, all were put aside in the thought of the grave duty-

"Stern daughter of the voice of Goo!"

Chosen Route. correspondence which livered, were sold and resold so often passed between Germany and Urusulted in one or two lawsuits, but of Chile that should not be Ignored. To drive him in a prisoner between the most of the trading seems to have Some time ago certain officers of the by the commander of a German sub-

approved as useful by the Govern- grossiy exaggerated. The has had of a refusal to acknowledge that the ment or shall put on uniforms and before him witnesses in number suffi-

submarine commander was right or WHEN THE SENATE RELAXES wrong, coupled with a counter ques tion which in effect proposed that Uruguay might buy exemption from molestation for its officers by obtaining a safe conduct across France for a German mission anxious to get to Chile. Instead of replying immediately the public will endure their misfor- did not see the other 909,095 or their to this inquiry. Uruguay asked Chile if lighter vein. Thus in debating the to apply to France for the desired safe conduct, and left to Germany the defi-

nition of their relations. The particularly interesting fact in ing a desperate effort at present to win and hold Chile. There has rewhere German propaganda has always been active, a new league for the perversion of public opinion, that Chile is not now anxious for the

The Committee on Military Affairs of the House found that it could not extend blanket authority to the President for the period of the war.—Dcs-patch from Washington. Some radical member of the com-

natice must have been guilty of reading the Constitution of the United The Paris correspondent of the Man-

chester Guardian takes considerable space in print to explain his expulsion from France; he wrote so of the French Government as to provoke an erimonious debate in the British House of Parliament. An American ent similarly situated would more briefly describe his offence by admitting that he threw a monkey wrench in the machinery.

What can be the matter with Ben ator Kanton's Christian spirit? He vows and declares that he cannot maintain it while discussing the River and Harbor appropriations. Why, they are only \$20,000,000 this year, merely the proceeds of the sale of 400,000 fifty dollar Liberty bonds. There is no dividing the spolls of a military con- strong committee of the New York a political party, to take a hand in music in the Senator's soul. Nothing could be more spiritually uplifting than to sing the stanza relating to appro-

the roaring, boiling Withsalacoo

The Governor was asked to try hand at milking, and several friends ex-pressed the wish that he would, but the Governor's hat was in the way and he didn't even make the attempt.—The

It had been the general belief that the Governor's hat was in the ring.

RACIAL SUPERIORITY. An Old Disguise to Hide the Ambition

of Cupidity.

To THE PRITOR OF THE BUYERS IN. claim of the Germans to superiority of Washington a Tantalus, said: "I race and destiny finds a parallel in prin- should like to ask the Senator from ciple, but happily not in degree, in the Nebraska if he means that it should view held by some Americans during be stone dry?" the Mexican war that the "manifest destiny" of the Anglo-Saxon race was to control and rule in North America. This Gallinger's mind. idea was stoutly opposed, particularly sears ago," he said mournfully, ter written by him at the time contains

seem to have accepted. He says: But all these allegations of superforit deserve now answer. tences under which to disguise ambition

The application of these incisive words losopher and statesman, to the present Teutonic notion of the superiority and destiny in the world of that race un masks its pretension, exposes its hypocrisy and fully explains in one sentence the psychology of Germany's commence HENRY B. SINGER. NEW YORK, May 23.

WAR AGAINST TYRANNY. Another Attempt to Describe the Struggle for Freedom.

TO THE PRITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! MAY suggest that the present struggle that being waged by our allies and ourselves against all that is dark, despica ble and damnable be known as War Against Tyranny"? McN. ALBANY, May 22.

means in Tuckahoe. apples used to grow But here where it is tangled up between us tr's always to be

son gas and guns. You sneak across the lines at night when Michael F. Cox of Dublin. all is pitchy black. And something grabs you by the pants. on try to fight it back You think that Fritz has captured you, and founder in the mire, Until you find you're only hooked upon a

But what's a blasted trap to you is turn snare to catch the wify Boche on his nocturnal scout.

shoes from his burrow when he Upon you with a knife in hand to murder

hangs him up to boot. Until you sense the danger and come out You've only got to pick him off, and if you

clouds obscure the blue, And here and there with ruby beads of

fro by Mars.

with steel and lead, Through which the Allied armies soon to And every Hun will melt away like wax Hickory Flat correspondence Springdale News

tramping through the wire. MINNA LAVING.

A Little Innocent Fun About Facts

Not Always Innocent. Washington, May 23.—Senators who like other folks are sometimes tired men wanting to have a good time, occasionally forego accusto dignity and indulge in collequies in the German mission was desired in river and harbor bill the Senate came that country. The answer was in the upon an appropriation of \$1,500,000 negative. Thereupon Uruguay refused to start the work of digging a forty feet deep and 1,000 feet wide channe to the site of a proposed dry dock in Charleston, the estimated cost of the completed channel being \$3,000,000.

Senator Hardwick complained that this matter is that Germany is mak- the trifling sum of \$33,000 Brunswick that harbor, capable in its present condition, the Georgian proudly informed cently been organized in that country, his colleagues, of floating the navies of the world, had been refused.

Senator King was so moved by the brave picture Mr. Hardwick painted whose object is to implant Kultur in of Brunswick harbor he thought it the population and bind the Govern- abandon the Charleston plan and would be the duty of the Senate "to ment to Potsdam's purposes. How build the dry dock where there was successful this effort may be is food a good harbor already for it." "What," for thought, but the correspondence he asked, "is there to justify the Gov. between Uruguay and Germany and ernment in building an artificial harbetween Uruguay and Chile indicates bor when a natural one is available?" The Georgian refused to try to jus-

The whole Charleston project. importation of any more spostles of channel and dry dock, would cost at Teutonic intrigue. that that was its only justification. Senator Vardaman thought that the justification was that the Charleston project was a war measure. As it could not be completed inside of three years the Vardaman idea was not further exploited.

> The West became interested. "I was wondering," remarked Senator Norris of Nebraska, "if there were a good place for a dry dock in my State if the committee would put in a provision for a channel to it." Senator Ransdall suggested to the Nebraskan that if he could get the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy to recommend a dry dock at Lincol or some other deserving place in Ne-braska "I think the Committee on commerce would recommend it."

Senator Norris was delighted with the suggestion. "All we have to do," he said. "Is to stand in with the Becretary of War and the Secretary of the

Senator Hardwick tried to bring back serious discussion. "I believe," he said, "these places ought to be sewith the endowment of nature." Senator Norris at once exposed the fallacy of such reasoning. He prompt ly pointed out that to put dry docks only where nature had put navigable water would be an unfair distribution of animal fats. "The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy and the committee," he aserted, "want to equalize things, and they say that if nature has given one community a good harbor and other places have no harbor we will give you a harbor by artificial means so as to equalize you with the harbor God gave."

This reminded Senator Gallinger that his State had a God given harbor but was sliy one good dry dock. innocently thought that dry docks should be built where there was water. Senator Norris accused the New Hampshire sage of entertaining a landlubberly idea. 'The very name implies that a dry dock should be

Senator Sheppard, who made a wine list in the restaurants and clubs of

Portsmouth still stung in Senator in the shuffle, and I have not heard an argument which all civilized nations from it from the day I offered it to the present time." This was partien-

larly hard on a Senator with a sixty Senator Fletcher had a hard luck story which made the Portsmouth to was a navy yard at Pensacola," sor-Secretary of the Navy painted white lead over it, sealed the keyholes, closed it down and took away the dry dock, I think, to the State of my friend from New Hampshire." tor Gallinger indignantly denied that his State had any second hand dry docks. He thought the missing dry

dock of Pensacola had "floated out to sea, with or without help." Then, having rested up for serious tive session, and gravely, as was becoming after so much levity, confirmed the nomination of the Hon. Preston T Smith for the postmastership of Itla-

"The Count Plunkett Not an Officer of the which was published in your report of

American Irish Historical Society. To the Emron of The Sun-Sir, My the Sunday meeting of the Friends of Barbed Wire.

Barbed wire, when I was over home, which

Barbed wire, whe been a member of this society since 1915, and the Huns. is not now holding and never has held Casement, in April, 1898, is as to be reckened with, like poise office in it. The vice-president of the stolen by a British agent, All for Ireland is the Right Hon.

> Secretary General American Irish Historical Society.

The Chanting Cherub of the Coaches.

To the Entree of The Sun-Sir: If (although English) put a stop as much Mr. William G. McAdoo, Director-Gen- as he possibly could to the bounding eral of Railroads, could see his way But I have received a good deal of clear to abolish that relie of the Dark petry insults and annovance from indi-Ages the pedier of chewing gum, fig viduals in Atlantic City, notably from newtons, milk chocolate and chocolate ejerk in the Chelsea post office. On almonds that posters passengers on March 17 I was told I had bitter enemies ously ereep.
It nabs him in its twiated strands, and and New Haven railroads, I believe a get me" and to be most careful. through trains of the New York Central in that city who would do anything to lot of people would rise up and call him show my gratitude to President Wilson The Pennsylvania Radiroad scrapped less than three weeks ago I gave nearly

NEW YORK, May 23. Give Anyway.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Ser: It A crazy criss-cross spider web spun to and is all right to put a nail in the Kaiser's coffin by buying War Savings Stamps. It shines with diamond drops of rain when but it is not less necessary to help bury Bill by contributing to the Red Cross drive. Therefore, let this be our slogan titve until the Kaiser is buried." NEW YORK, May 23. UNDERTAKER.

> Only Cloud Over an Arkansas Arcadia. Reautiful spring weather. Everybod; ell and at work. Only one case of small well and at work. pox near here and she is reported much

WOMEN'S ENROLMENT.

An Important Engagement for Satur day, Between 8 A. M. and 10 P. M. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: If

that they are behind the Government in this war they will enroll in one o the political parties on May 25. Scorn sons who haven't given the subject thought, but it is in reality flouting the great principle for which this country is at war, the preservation of government by the people. If the people are to rule they must understand, and no person consistently claim to understand and appreciate the blessings of free govthe fundamental plan instituted for maintaining it. Nearly every married woman of mid-

dle age has a son in France or one about to sail. He is there or on his way because the world "must be made safe for democracy." To those who can take to part in this high adventure is allotted the task of making democracy safe for he world. The sacrifice of the youth of our generation will be trasic beyon is made in the body politic corroded with faults which the advocates of the German Idea prophesy will be the undoing of poular government; namely, the cynical acceptance that waste, inefficiency and corruption are inseparable accompaniments of democratic rule. On our knees we acknowledge the charge made possible because Mr. Average Citizen was so engrossed with his personal business or pleasure that he forgot his vote was necessary for a complete expression of opinion. The tremendous sacrifices the people of this country are making will not have been in vain if the people realize that a democracy requires more from its citizens than destructive criticism. The sacrifice of our boys will not be futile if we recognize "eternal vigilance" is necessary to maintain in honesty and efficiency a s the duty of every citizen to vote, & duty which the mothers, wives, sweethearts and sisters of our young crusaders should have no desire to shirk. Those who are too old or too poor to make contributions to the Government at the present time, and especially those who have no sons, can render the State a patriotic service of high order by enrolling on May 25. SARA McPiks. New York, May 23.

WHO IS GETTING PAID? The Puzzle of the High Prices for Substitute Flour.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! A to wheat, now, is there not a great confusion of thought? Mr. Hoover asks us (and we willingly

consider his request a command) to eat other grains in place of wheat, that we may send a large part of our wheat crop to our allies, who need food and who prefer wheat to other grains.

ly find the price of the other grains rising above that of wheat. James E. Knott in a letter to you says "white flour (wheat) can be purchased to-day at \$6.25 per hundred pounds. The cost per 100 pounds for cornmeal, rye flour, potato flour and rice flour is \$7, \$8 \$11 and \$14.50 respectively." It would be interesting to know why this should e so. The oft stung consumer is quick to surmise profiteering; not perhaps

long suffering and patriotic hotel keeper intimates that he, the hotel keeper. suffers from the profiteering, if it be

Perhaps be does. I remember that no long ago one of that guild complained leng ago one of that guild complained land, to the city where Congress had wife I wanted to question the cook and that some proposed restriction would its seat, and where he was to admin-find out why I did not get any dimensional transfer of the cook and the cook a cut down his receipts \$1,000 a day, and reduce his profits 50 per cent." say what income be would have left or how great his profits were, but it was attended by Governor Clinton and many properly. suggestive enough to be disquieting to his customers.

"War bread" is good enough for me On a "beef-and" income I cannot afford yerr, sound like boasting. "There ject to paying more for it than wheat bread would cost if I were allowed to bur it. It interferes with my buying deed, 'road his history in a nation's thrift stamps. Maybe it's necessary to trim the public, but why use a knife that cuts both ways?

> I do not understand political economy very well. I doubt if anybody does, but perhaps somebody knows enough about it to clear up this tangle. If he can do it, and will, he would be conferring a on on a good many who are willing enough to pay, but who would like to know who is being paid. D. A. C. New York, May 23.

MRS. NEWMAN'S SPEECH.

An Explanation From the Sister Roger Casement. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. Let

me correct an error concerning myself

Historical Society of New York. I beg of the sort. I certainly the United States responsible for the theft from my trunk of a story written is not now holding and never has held and given to me by my brother, Roger to the Walter Franklin house, the Presi- must remain the power to g stolen by a British agent. Again when I remarked "I was hounded all over the of the people. country" I was referring to Ireland, where I had such treatment at the hands served a troop of horse which Governor of the military and civil authorities that I feared for my very life. At length I appealed through the Unionist paper, the Irish Times, to Lord Wimborne. then Lord Lieutenant, who certainly and the United States in practical form to buy a Liberty bond. In answer to the President's appeal I had previously taken a \$50 bend. I then took a \$1,000 bond. This can be verified by the Philadelphia Public Ledger or Mr. Michael Francis Dovle, a solicitor of that city, my truest friend in the United States. A report circulated by British agents that "I had been put away becouse

was mad' is too silly and absurd. Ma cother was accused of madness, either he nor I are as "mad" as those who say so. For nearly two years I have been residing in Atlantic City and Philadelphia, not in an asylum.

AGNES NEWMAN.

Boston, Mass., May 22.

NEW EXPLANATION OF THE COLOR OF THE SKY.

the women of America want to prove The Latest Scientific Theory of the Reason for the Heavenly Azure of the Great Inverted Bowl.

> It is probably correct to say that appeal to suspended particles comfirmament is a name and nothing more. It is a poetical name, no doubt but still a name or symbol. The reaof science: as that fire will burn, that water will freeze, that the earth turns on its axis, and so forth, there is none more difficult to explain than the most recent scientific explanations are generally convincing to experts selves those of the public who read and are interested will to examine and estimate for them-

It is therefore fortunate that two and furnished a solid theory which they note first of all that it disappears with the sunlight. From this they some way a gift of the sun. Is it, through apace? The controversy which has raged around this theory s not new, but it is now revived in new form. Its advocates, says the it failed to explain all the phenomena. It did not explain the cloudlike emanations hanging just over a distant landscape, which were also revealed in feating particles which divert the ight from its regular course.

what kind of small particles is the tion, they have been distanced by the heavenly axure due? Up to the pres- Allies in this particular field of restated by Lord Rayleigh: "The inter-esting question is whether the light officials in London and Paris have fraction from molecules of air them- the influences in nature that produce selves, or whether it is necessary to the color of sea and sky.

of civic duties may be considered a It is probably correct to say that the posed of foreign matter, solid or trivial matter or even a virtue by per- in the minds of many people the liquid." He believed that the sky blue would exist even if there were no particles of salt or any other mineral matter. He admitted, however, that the mosphere might have an effect, and to them may be attributed much of the scape is often suffused. But it seems certain that the molecules of the air themselves are competent to scatter a blue light not very inferior to that which is seen on a clear day.

The theory that there may be some. thing above the earth's atmosphere that scatters the blue light is again under discussion. This mysterious English astronomers, Rayleigh and medium has received various names. Fowler, have summarised the facts The most recent theory is that it is a gas, either oxygen or ozone, probapproaches the mystery more closely ably the latter, and that the blue color of the sky is due to the illumina. reply to the question. What is the tion of particles of ezone by sunlight cause of the blue color of the sky? In favor of this belief is the fact that ozone is blue. It is argued that the heavenly blue is not sunlight reflected feduce the fact that it must be in in particles of dust or vapor. These may contribute to the radiance, but therefore, the solar light diffused the real cause is a gas so fine that it can float through space. If the atmosphere of the earth were the sole cause, then the moon, which has no Revue Scientifique in its last issue, a black sky. Such a supposition seen to scientists to-day to be extremely accept their view as the sole explana-tion of the color of the sky, because the sky on a clear night is blue. The the sky on a clear night is blue. The color of the night heavens must be due to the carlight reflected in ozone

or some fine gas. The practical value of these theorie is the information they give to avicamera. After these experiments it ators and submarine commanders was generally admitted that the light. The color of the sea is being studied due in one way or another to small face. It is certainly desirable to fine means of increasing the visibility of When- the undersea element, as it would inever the particles are sufficiently fine crease the safety of this navigation the light which they reflect is blue in and be a great advantage over the enemy. Although the Germans have no doubt been at work on the ques ent day the accepted view was thus search. On this account, perhaps, and from the sky can be explained by dif- published the present discussions of

NEW YORK.

An Illustrious Precedent for Mr. Wil- A Householder Gets a Mystery Instead son's Performance.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In your interesting account of the Red time ago I invited a few friends to dr. Cross parade published last Sunday un- ner at my house and as I wanted the der the title "Wilson on Foot Johns in to go hour in a cheerful mind I gave Parade" your reporter states: "It was my wife an extra \$100 for the organion the first time within living New York- which, as executive of the household she ers' memory that a President has duly turned over to the cook with carte marched in our streets; perhaps the first blanche. time it ever nappened here."

has a precedent for this democratic move down and face one of our very plain in the wise, whole hearted, cooperative every day meals. public. He followed Washington's ex- curring in the kitchen, a neighbor Congress; so he did when he marched advantage of the pantry and in When Washington landed at Murray's with a fine roe shad, the rous! Wharf on April 23, 1789, from the barge delivered at the woons becase. which our citizens gave him, and which berries and cream missing missi conveyed him, amid the acclamations of but all these were more thronging thousands on water and en anxious to know, and when I had ister the Government under the Consti- and where my \$100 went, she grew tution, "carpets were spread to the car- dignant and said any investor through the crowded streets, and was other officers and gentlemen."

neident written by Mrs. Josiah Quincy dinner; friends mystifed, it In 1861 from recollections of her siri- Would not that jar you hood. Up to that time, to quote her Newana, N. J. May ... words again. "Never did any one enjoy

Dr. James Lloyd Cogswell, another spectator of Washington's arrival, wrote description of the event many years later, which was published in the Histor- across for the Red Cross of go a reical Magasine, IV.; 244: "The General [Washington] walked . . . at the decide in favor of the greates charteright of Governor Clinton," he said, referring to the progress of the procession from the ferry stairs, up Wall to Queen (now Pearl) street, to the residence at the corner of Cherry street prepared for

The full and authoritative account of Washington's reception, written Bowen in the "History of the Center nial of the Inauguration of Washington" (1892), states that the Spanish diplomatic representative of that time, honor to the men of Flander in writing to his home Government, said : and Verdun? "He proceeded on foot to the mansion designed for his residence. . .

carriage at the place of landing, but eternal badge of hone he dismissed the carriage and joined service Washington on foot accompanying him For us It was dent's first home in New York, where power to support to support he was to receive the congratulations our sens in France is not on

After the reception Washington ob Clinton had provided for the protection of the mansion and to attend the Presi dent during the day. Washington asked that they be withdrawn, saying, "I need no better protection than the affections of my fellow citizens."

THOMAS W. HOTCHKISS. NEW YORK, May 13.

POPULAR SONGS. Old Favorites Hold Their Place in the Face of Modern Efforts.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE: After hearing all the new popular patriotic songs by both band and chorus it occurs me that none possess the harmony or spiritedness of those two old favorites "The Star Spangled Banner" and "My Country, "Tis of Thee." May they live forever. ADMIRER.

NEW YORK, May 23.

Red Cross. To the pooket said the sout. Red the cross.

If the drass Called gold ye dole.

Said the pocket to the soul.

Gain were loss; Come, take your toll; 'Neath the cross

WASHINGTON MARCHED IN THE COOK AND THE HUN-DRED DOLLARS.

of a Dinner. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN - SEE SOM

On the evening of the feast I was It was not the first time. Mr. Wilson flabbergasted to have my friends

acts of the first President of our re- 1 heard rumors about accidents of ample when he read his messages in stealing the roast, a strange out take n parade on the streets of New York. doors being left open to these and him, but he preferred walking would start would reflect on h

prevent her from running the hous Such was the brief reference to the and me, Cook is safe \$100 goes :

GIVE OR GO!

This Is the Time for Americans to

Seal Their Fate. TO THE EDITOR OF THE NUN- ACgive or go, but it is hoped you s

For your sons-the glory to go. For you the nower to give ' Across the sea a inillian or our sons are united as one in the Here we pledge a hundred people united in a single the loyalty to our some and our --How shall we balance this o

What small contribution can w in the scale of life to equal the est sacrificat For them the "gors to go

For us-for the man and wa-

What can money ever do for the you fall the man who save you What can money over mean to coward who betrays has fellow may What can blong year buy for

slacker, the instalts, the frami What can money ever bring to an the joy of life, freedom and to What can money ever resented when others are giving their What can money events uncases: harity to your fellow man, a than protection to the arm that z

For you the plory of going on for he stain and the shane of a .. By the measure of our struck

you know our strength By the emeritary of the natur victory be won. To pass this appeal is to di charity of war Can you meet the ear of the

who return with this mar bra your heart? Can you look your neighbor fare while you betray are son wh

No longer need westaju of mps danger with the Pro-stan pound the gates of Catali No longer need we spend of I

bloody claws of the Vulture of Date Give or go! For the sore who ARTHUR W. INGAL.

MAURICE MORRE to LINN, Mass., May 23.